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United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Announces Investiture Ceremony of Honorable Frederick J. Kapala

CHICAGO—Chief Judge James F. Holderman today announced that Frederick J. Kapala will be sworn in as a United States District Judge for the Western Division of the Northern District of Illinois at a public investiture ceremony on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 3:30 p.m. The ceremony will be held in the James Benton Parsons Memorial Courtroom (2525) of the E.M. Dirksen United States Courthouse located at 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Judge Kapala fills a vacancy created in January 2007 when U.S. District Judge Philip G. Reinhard took senior status. Judge Kapala was recommended for the lifetime position in 2005 by former Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, nominated in December 2006 by President George W. Bush, and confirmed on May 8, 2007 by a 91-0 vote of the United States Senate.

Judge Kapala most recently served as a justice for the Illinois Appellate Court prior to accepting the position with the United States District Court. He graduated from Marquette University, and received his juris doctor degree in 1976 from the University of Illinois. He served as an Assistant State's Attorney for the State of Illinois, and then went into private practice, where he was appointed as a Special Assistant Attorney to manage consumer fraud cases in Northern Illinois. In 1982, Judge Kapala became an Associate Judge for the 17th Judicial Circuit of Illinois, where he served as Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court from 1989 to 1991. Judge Kapala was elected as an Illinois Circuit Judge in 1994 and appointed to be the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division one year later. Judge Kapala is also a captain in the United States Army.

Judge Kapala will be sitting in the Rockford United States Courthouse, located at 211 South Court Street, Rockford, Illinois 61101.

The investiture ceremony is open to the media; cameras will be permitted in the courtroom. (Note: Camera stands will not be allowed, and the proceeding will not be delayed for late media arrivals. Also, no filming will be allowed outside of Courtroom 2525 above the lobby level.)